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RE: Docket No. 00N-1396, and 00D-1598

Dear FDA,

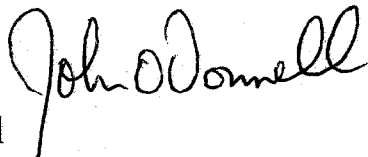
I am a cattle and produce farmer in Maine. I am raising natural grass fed beef and organic produce for local customers in the area. These customers want to buy locally because they are increasingly concerned that the safety of our food supply is decreasing with globalization, the widespread use of pesticides and herbicides, and now genetic engineering without notification.

In other words my customers are telling me that they DO NOT WANT genetic engineered foods, and that in the normal food supply chain (Supermarkets) they have no way of knowing whether a particular food item is genetically engineered.

I feel very strongly that there should be MANDATORY labeling of any food that has introduced genetic altered materials. I am begging you to consider the safety of the people of the United States. People need to know what is in their food, because many still think that any vegetable is safe because the government wouldn't allow it on the shelf if it wasn't. THESE GE FOODS NEED TO BE LABELED so people can make their own determination.

Please consider requiring MANDATORY LABELING of all GE altered food sold to consumers in this country.

Sincerely,

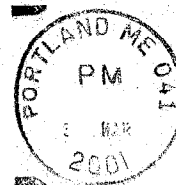


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